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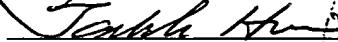
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Appln. No.: 10/520,206

Filed: December 28, 2004

For: FEMALE COUPLING MEMBER  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

FOREIGN DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
H10-038170	02/13/1998	Japan

**OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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Translation of International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/JP2003/008170

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Reference B1 was cited in the International Search Report for the PCT Application PCT/JP03/08170 from which the present application has been nationalized. Reference B1 is in Japanese. Applicants are submitting an English abstract thereof. Also submitted as reference B2 is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination for the above PCT case.

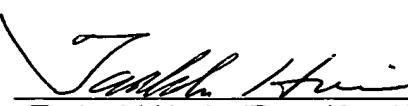
Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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